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Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Brian E Pellegrino. (3) _____.
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Date of Interview: 13 May 2004.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 19, 20 and 25.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 6177883.


Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It was agreed that Jennetti et al. '883 anticipated claim 19 and Applicant could amend the claim to overcome the rejection over Jennetti et al. by adding the limitation "alternately circumferentially spaced" to describe how the locking clip's protrusions are interrupted. No agreement was reached on claims 20 and 25.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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